



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of)	
)	Group Art Unit: 4999
Robert McCracken)	
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Serial No. 10/613,715)	Examiner: Basil S. Katcheves
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AMENDMENT

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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified patent application, and in response to the Office Action mailed June 2, 2004, kindly enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks relative to the continued examination of the patent application.

Amendments to the Claims start on page 2 of this response.

Remarks start on page 5 of this response.

Based on the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-11 are in condition for allowance at this time, patentably distinguishing over the cited prior art. Accordingly, reconsideration of the application and passage to allowance are respectfully solicited.

The Examiner is respectfully urged to call the undersigned attorney at (515) 288-2500 to discuss the claims in an effort to reach a mutual agreement with respect to claim limitations in the present application which will be effective to define the patentable subject matter if the present claims are not deemed to be adequate for this purpose.

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Respectfully submitted,



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